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## Sheriff's Deputy Charged with Grand Theft, Falsifying Records

A Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy pleaded not guilty today to misleading supervisors on work hours and falsifying patrol records, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Matt Kochaon (dob 4/30/64) has been charged with seven felony counts in case KA118432: one count of grand theft and six counts of removing, destroying, or falsifying a public record while an official custodian of records.

Prosecutors said at the time of the alleged crimes, Kochaon was assigned to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Parks Bureau, Southern Region.

Between September and October 2016, Kochaon allegedly drove his patrol vehicle to his Riverside home at the end of his shift, prosecutors said. The defendant reportedly would then log out from his shift at home, which resulted in salary overpayment, prosecutors added.

During this time, Kochaon also allegedly made patrol log entries claiming he responded to calls for back up, when he reportedly was at home, according to prosecutors.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on July 26 for a pre-preliminary hearing in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, West Covina Branch.

If convicted as charged, Kochaon faces a maximum possible sentence of nine years and eight months in local custody.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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